

# Bucks County Holds Swine Show, Sale

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — The Bucks County 4-H Swine Show & Sale was recently held at the Perkiomenville auction facility.

The judge was George Gross from Delaware Valley College, Doylestown.

Bucks County 4-H champion hoig was shown by Christopher Gottschling, 14, Perkasio. Chris is an active member of the Milford 4-H Club. His prize-winning pig weighed in a 255 pounds and was purchased by Leidy's, Inc. of Souderton for \$2.90 pounds. Chris

purchased his feeder pigs from Franklin Feeser of Tarreytown, Md.

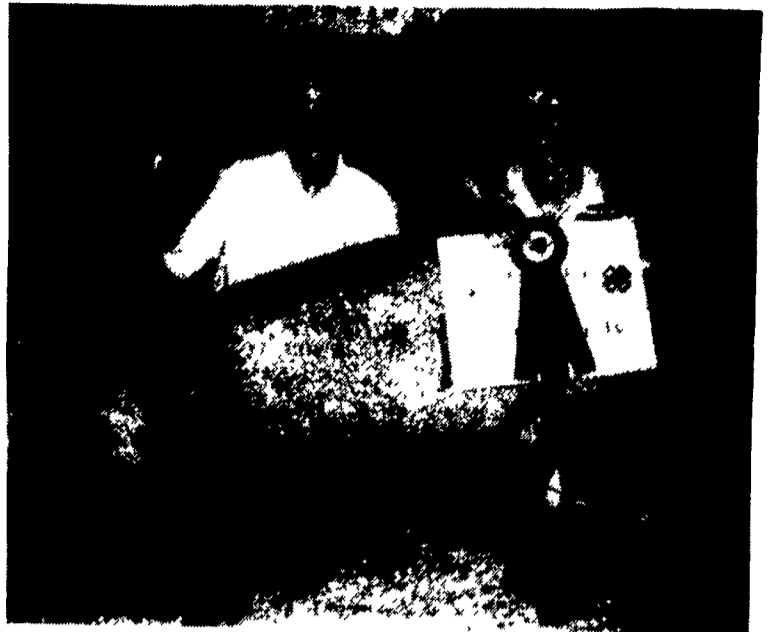
The reserve champion hog was shown by Brad Thomas of Doylestown. Brad is a first year 4-H swine project member. The 255 pound animal was purchased by Hatfield Meats for \$1.45 pound. Brad's feeder pigs were purchased from Martha Allenbaugh of Harleysville. Andrew Crooke of New Hope, an active member of the Buckingham 4-H Club, received \$1 pound for his champion pair of hogs. The pair was purchased by Hatfield Meats.

The reserve champion pair was shown by Zachery Gottschling. Zach received \$1 pound from Leidy's Meats for his 245 pound and 255 pound pair of hogs. The average price per pound with the champions .86 pound and without the champions .73 pound.

The championship showman trophy went to Julie Barndt for the second year in a row.



Andrew Crooke with his champion pair of hogs and Thomas Moyer, buyer from Hatfield Meats.



Chris Gottschling with his champion hog and buyer Betsy Stoltzfus from Leidy's, Inc.

Exhibitors were: Lightweight: 1. David Lachman, 2. Steven Parfit, 3. David Parfit, 4. Matt Crooke, 5. David Parfit, 6. Joel Nehoda. Mediumweight: 1. Julie Barndt, 2. Andrew Crooke, 3. Rebecca Lachman, 4. Jezik Nehoda, 5. Matt Gottschling, 6. Zach Gottschling. Medium Heavy: 3. Matt Crooke, 4. Peter Crooke, 5. Nathan Crooke, 6. Matt Gottschling.

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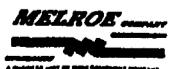


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## Southeast Pasture Walks Continue

CREAMERY (Montgomery Co.) — One of the best ways to improve your pasture management skills is to see other pasture systems and talk with other graziers.

Pasture walks are designed to do just that. Many interested dairy farmers have learned and helped each other in a relaxed informal way how pastures can provide low cost high quality forage.

The pasture walks start at 10:30 a.m. and usually end around noon. All walks are free. For biosecurity reasons, please bring a pair of disinfected boots. Disposable boots will be provided as well. The final two walks for the southeast are as follows:

- September 15 at 10:30 a.m. the Ardin Landis family on border of Lancaster and Chester counties will be the hosts. Fifty cows are grazed on 30 acres of permanent pasture with a low cost system on rented farm. Management emphasis is on cost reduction. Bring boots to cross small stream. Directions: From intersection of Rt. 41 and Rt. 372, travel east on Rt. 372, third farm on right.

- October 20 at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Robert and Helene Dreisbach of Berks County will be the hosts. The Dreisbachs have one of the top 10 registered Jersey herds in the nation for herds of their size. Milking 110 cows 3x a day, the rolling herd average is 16,738 pounds. Ration utilizes both pasture and modified TMR. Comparing alfagraz to traditional alfalfa varieties. In addition to pasture system, they are upgrading double three-side opening parlor to an auto flow parlor. Directions: Follow Rt. 61 north from Rt. 78. Go about 0.4 mile and turn left (west) on Mountain Road (watch for signs for Laurel Center). Go 0.5 mile and turn left at first road onto Holly Road (toward Laurel Center). Go 0.2 mile to T and turn right on Laurel Road (Laurel Center on right). Go 0.3 mile to T and turn left on Pine Road. Go 0.7 mile to stop sign. Turn right onto Academy Road. First Farm on right.

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